

**UINTAH BASIN  
SAGE-GROUSE  
LOCAL WORKING  
GROUP**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2004

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Place:** County Building South Conference Room

**Members Present;**

Planning/update  
meeting

**Information Presented**

Conservation Plan

1. Overview as to the purpose and function of the group for new people attending the meeting.
2. Dave Dahlgren USU grad student gave presentation on Parker Mountain findings.

**Discussion Highlights**

Population data and populations numbers of the area. How will they be looked at how will they be analyzed. The group discussed how we could sub-divide the larger management unit area into smaller sub units that would allow the group to more adequately addresses local issues in the management plan and on ground treatments.

Q: Why are we doing anything? Do we need to do anything?  
Are the grouse doing fine?

A: We need to have some adaptive and adaptable plan to address sage-grouse in the area regardless of what or how they are doing. This has been mandated by UDWR. It is in our best interest to have a plan that is adaptive. We will learn as we go.

Discussion was had as to the impacts of the population. How long is a lek a lek, when does it become a 'historical' lek. When does it become a new lek? The group decided that we need to make sure these things and issues were discussed in the management plan.

Again the point was emphasized that the plan has to be adaptive.

We need to work on increasing numbers of sage-grouse.

### **Actions Taken**

The group decided to subdivide the area based on lek locations. Brian Maxfield will work on this.

Group went through the management plan and made individual assignments with specific needs and information gaps. The group will compile this data and give to Todd in electronic format.

Next meeting agenda items—

- review progress of assignments and discuss needs and issues
- Brian Maxfield to report on 2004 lek data
- Rick Baxter BYU grad student report on Strawberry valley activities.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19th, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
City-County Building on Main Street in Vernal, UT,  
North Conference Room.**

### **Follow-up Needed**

- Dave to follow up with Karen Courts as to the Ute Tribes decision on their involvement with the group and the plan.